RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): At the interview he was questioned and the answers given by him were satisfactory. The Government were convinced that he was a native of Trivandrum.

Salary of Divisional Inspectors of Schools.

97. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have fixed the salary of the newly appointed Divisional Inspectors of Schools; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the salary so fixed and the date thereof?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether the Divisional Inspector occupies a different cadre than a Head Master of a Secondary School?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the maximum salary of the Head Master of a Secondary School?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Rs. 300.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether the Divisional Inspectors have to supervise the work of Head Masters as well?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

Recruitment of Teachers.

98. *MISS HEPZIBAH GNANASIKAMONY (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state how and for what reasons the efficiency grade introduced in 1923 for the specific purpose of encouraging undergraduate teachers of real merit and work has failed to find a place in the present G. O. on recruitment of teachers?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(i) the sanctioned number of efficiency grade posts;

(ii) the number of permanent incumbents (men and women) in the above posts; and

(iii) the number of efficiency grade vacancies filled up temporarily or otherwise by non-undergraduate teachers?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Because the G. O. regarding the waiting lists relates to initial appointments only.

(*b*) (i) 23.

(ii) 11.

(iii) 12.

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Miss HEPZIBAH GNANASIKAMONY (*Nominated*): In answer to part (ii), may I know the number of permanent incumbents from among women in the above post?

Mr. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Nil.

Miss HEPZIBAH GNANASIKAMONY (*Nominated*): May I know why?

Mr. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I did not distinguish the ladies and gentleman in this answer. But the question relates only to the men's branch.

Dispensary at Edappalli.

99. ***Mr. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation to open a dispensary at Edappalli;

(*b*) whether the Inspecting Medical Officer has made any report to Government for starting a dispensary there;

(*c*) if so, what action has been taken by the Government in the matter;

(*d*) the distance from Edappalli to the nearest District Hospital at Alwaye; and

(*e*) the population of Edappalli North and South *pakuthies*

Mr. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, at the instance of the Inspecting Medical Officer, the Administrative Board, Medical Services, in their resolution dated 29-8-1927, recommended the opening of a dispensary at the place under the Rural Medical Relief Scheme.

(*c*) Owing to financial stringency, the opening of new dispensaries in the State under the Rural Medical Relief Scheme has been postponed to better times.

(*d*) 8 miles.

(*e*) The population of Edappalli and the neighbourhood is 25,000.

Mr. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Is the member aware that the nearest Government hospital available is 8 miles away from Edappalli and so how could medical aid be given to the inhabitants of that place?

Mr. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) It is not an unusually long distance when compared to places which are more than 8 miles; and, further, there are motor conveniences between important places.

Mr. K MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): In view of the fact that the nearest hospital is 8 miles away from Edappalli and in view of the fact that the population is 25,000, will the Government be pleased to consider the establishment of a hospital as a special case in this locality?

PRESIDENT: Future action; not allowed.

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